## Remarks

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. No amendments have been made. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

## The Rejections of Claims 1-17

Claims 1-17 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over copending Application No. 10/676,632. A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith to overcome this rejection.

## Allowable Subject Matter

The office action indicated that claims 1-17 contain allowable subject matter.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-242-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Cahill (

Reg. No. 44,578

for Hitachi Global Storage Technologies

(650) 242-8300